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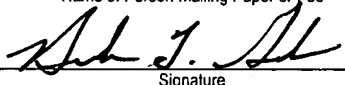
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- (1) Japanese Unexamined Published Application No. (A) 11-313257,  
(MINOLTA CO LTD), published November 9, 1999;
- (2) Japanese Unexamined Published Application No. (A) 2002-077733,  
(MINOLTA CO LTD), published March 15, 2002;
- (3) Japanese Unexamined Published Application No. (A) 2002-010275,  
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